AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the entire paragraph on page 5, lines 15-25, with the following new paragraph.

As shown in Fig. 2, an SINR estimator 12 estimates the SINR using the output of the multiplier 8. The output of the multiplier 8 may be the quasi-pilot symbol samples. The SINR estimator 12 can employ any well-known SINR estimator that generates an SINR estimate based on pilot symbols[[,]]. In example embodiments of the present invention, [[wherein]] the pilot symbols in the SINR estimator expressions are replaced with the output, the quasi-pilot symbol samples, of the multiplier 8. For example, the SINR estimator 12 could employ the SINR estimator of equation (6). In a preferred embodiment, the SINR estimator 12 employs an SINR estimator as described in concurrently filed application no. [[UNKNOWN]] 09/848,411 entitled METHOD OF ESTIMATING A SIGNAL-TO-INTERFERENCE+NOISE RATIO (SINR) by inventors of the subject application.

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